

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NOTICE OF INTENT APPLICATION FOR THE REVOLUTION WIND 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT IN EAST GREENWICH, NORTH KINGSTOWN, AND WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2022-05

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98-7 and 42-98-9.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and sections 1.6(G) and 1.8(D) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board ("Board") will conduct a **public hearing at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the East Greenwich High School (300 Avenger Drive, East Greenwich RI 02818).**

At the hearings, the Board will hear public comment on Docket No. SB-2022-05 regarding the Narragansett Electric Company's Notice of Intent Application for the proposed Revolution Wind Transmission Line Upgrade Project. The Project consists of modifications to the existing G185N, K189, G185S, and L190 115 kV transmission lines. Specifically, the Company is proposing to: fully rebuild one-mile stretches of the G185N and K189 transmission lines between the Drumrock and Kent County substations; fully rebuild five-mile stretches of the G185S and L190 transmission lines between the Kent County substation and the Davisville Tap; fully rebuild three-mile stretches of the G185S and L190 transmission lines between the Davisville Tap and Davisville substation; and to replace the existing shield wire with optical ground wire on the K189 and G185N transmission lines, as well as portion of the G185S line. As part of this proposed work, the Company plans to: replace 10 of the existing 13 structures on the K189 line; replace 10 and remove 3 of the existing 15 structures on the G185N line; replace 45 and remove 4 of the existing 49 structures on the single-circuited portion of the G185S line; replace 45 and remove 2 of the existing 47 structures on the single-circuited portion of the L190 line; and replace 45 and remove 2 of the existing 47 structures on the double-circuited portion of the G185S and L190 line. All of the proposed work will be located within the existing rights-of-way for each of the lines. A project overview map as well as detailed images of the proposed Project route can be found on the docket page at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-SB-2022-05>.

The Company states that the purpose of the Project is to upgrade existing transmission assets to improve system capacity in order to handle the load produced by the 703 MW Revolution Wind offshore wind project. The Company argues that any impact the proposed project may have on the natural and/or social environment will be negligible. Therefore, the Company requests the Board determine that the project does not constitute an alteration to a major energy facility and that it is not subject to the full EFSB permitting process.

Section 1.6(G) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule provides that the Board shall "hold a public hearing in one or more of the cities or towns affected by an application." After the public comment hearing, the Board shall "determine whether the project may result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare and therefore shall be treated as an alteration." The Board will conduct a public comment hearing in East Greenwich and welcomes the participation of residents of all affected cities and towns. Additionally, the Board will accept written public comment at any point before it's final decision. Written public comment can be submitted to the Board Coordinator at emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov.

The Notice of Intent Application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-SB-2022-05>. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at least 72 hours in advance of the public comment hearing. The Coordinator can be notified at emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov or 401-780-2173.

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